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1. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EXIMBANK ON AUGUST 16, 1973, AUTHORIZED A \$172,350,000 CREDIT TO BE ALLOCATED \$168,319,000 TO NORPIPE A/A OF NORWAY AND \$4,031,000 TO NORPIPE PETROLEUM U.K. LIMITED. THE FIRST SUM IS TO COVER 45 PER CENT OF THE U.S. DOLLAR COSTS FOR AN OIL PIPELINE FROM THE EKOFISK FIELD TO TEESIDE, ENGLAND; AND A GAS PIPELINE FROM EKOFISK TO EMDEM, WEST GERMANY. THE LATER SUM IS TO FINANCE THE U.S. COSTS OF TERMINAL FACILITIES NEAR TEESIDE.

2. TERMS CALL FOR THE BORROWERS TO MAKE A CASH PAYMENT OF 55 PER CENT OF THE U.S. COSTS OR \$210,650,000. THIS FINANCING IS TO BE A COMBINATION OF ADDITIONAL EQUITY FROM THE EKOFISK JOINT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VENTURERS AND PRIVATE BORROWING NOT GUARANTEED BY EXIMBANK.

EXIMBANK REPAYMENT IS TO BE MADE SEMIANNUALLY IN 8 INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING JULY 10, 1980.

3. REQUEST EMBASSIES ADVISE NORPIPE A/S AND NORPIPE PETROLEUM U.K. OF THIS ACTION, WHICH WILL BE DETAILED IN LETTERS SENT TO THE BORROWERS IN CARE OF PHILLIPS PETROLEUM WITH COPIES TO THE EMBASSIES.

FURTHER ADVISE BORROWER NEWS RELEASE INCLUDING ABOVE DETAILS SCHEDULED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT HERE NEXT FEW DAYS. EMBASSY WILL BE PROVIDED ADVANCE TEXT FOR THEIR INFORMATION PRIOR TO WASHINGTON RELEASE.

4. OTHER THAN DISCUSSION WITH BORROWER, IT IS IMPERATIVE ABOVE INFORMATION BE WITHHELD PRIOR TO SUBJECT PRESS RELEASE. ROGERS

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